

REMARKS

The Present Invention

The present invention pertains to a process for the preparation of an intermediate useful for preparing kifunensine. The invention also relates to a process for preparing kifunensine.

The Pending Claims

Claims 1, 8-9, 11-17, and 19-23 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8-9, and 19-21 are directed to a process for preparing a compound of formula I. Claims 11-17 and 22-23 are directed to a process for preparing kifunensine.

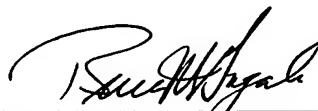
Amendments to the Claims

Claim 11 has been amended to remove the phrase "the steps of". This amendment is supported by the specification at, for example, Schemes 6 and 7, which depict the deprotection of a compound of formula I prior to conducting the oxamoylation reaction. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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